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(C) PolCouns delivered August 25 reftel demarche points to MFA Director General of the Americas Mansoor Khan concerning the anticipated return of Guantanamo Bay detainee Hafiz Qari Mohammed Saad Iqbal Madni to Pakistan on August 29. Khan expressed pleasure in the news and agreed to the demarche requirements. Khan believed the news will go over well publicly once the handover is complete and the GOP is free to issue press statements about Madni's return. Khan identified the Ministry of Interior as the point of contact for arranging the transfer. Post will proceed with making the arrangements but would appreciate Washington press guidance.

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